

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant amended claims 4, 6-11, 17, 20 and 21 as filed in the International Application No. PCT/JP00/03561 in order to avoid multiple dependency. In making these revisions care have been taken to ensure that the claims remain supported by the specification and that no new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

4. (Amended) An optical connector plug as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein at least a part of said optical cord fixing member has a polygonal outer shape in section with a chamfered round corner, and a rotation preventing structure is formed in such a manner that at least a part of a receiving portion for said optical cord fixing member is said rear housing as a part of an inner shape of said optical cord fixing member holding portion of said rear housing has a substantially circular sectional shape of substantially the same size as a circumscribing circle of the polygonal optical cord fixing member with the chamfered round corner and more specifically has a surface by cutting out a part of said substantially circular shape so as to hold the optical cord fixing member to be rotatable within a predetermined angular range.

6. (Amended) An optical connector plug as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein a projecting portion is provided on the inner peripheral surface of the optical cord fixing member holding portion of the rear housing, when the optical cord fixing member is received within the hole of the optical cord fixing member holding portion, the optical cord fixing member is fixed in the rear housing by interference caused between said projecting portion and an outer peripheral surface of said optical cord fixing member.

7. (Amended) An optical connector plug as claimed in [any one of claim 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein a shape of an inner peripheral surface of the coil spring holding portion of said rear housing is substantially the same as a shape of the outer shape of said coil spring, and a projecting portion is provided on the inner peripheral surface for fixing said coil spring in the rear housing by interference between the outer surface of said coil spring and said projecting portion when said coil spring is received within said coil spring holding portion.

8. (Amended) An optical connector plug as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein engaging means of said rear housing and said front housing is a structure formed with a cantilever provided in one of said rear and front housings and including an

engaging projection at a tip end thereof, and an engaging hole provided in the other of said rear and front housings and adapted to receive said engaging projection.

9. (Amended) An optical connector plug as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1, wherein said rear housing includes a rear housing body and a boot to be coupled with a rear portion of said rear housing body, and said rear housing body and said boot are preliminarily integrated with each other.

10. (Amended) An optical connector plug as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, wherein said front housing is formed with a front housing body and a finger grip covering the front housing body, and said front housing body and said finger grip are preliminarily integrated in a slidable fashion.

11. (Amended) An optical connector plug as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1, wherein said optical cord fixing member is a member having a circumscribing circle smaller than an inner diameter of said coil spring at least after assembling said optical cord and said tension resistive member and said cord outer jacket are fixed to said optical cord fixing member.

17. (Amended) A manufacturing method of an optical connector plug as claimed in claim 15 [or 16], wherein, in said fourth step, a process including face polishing of an end face of said spring.

20. (Amended) A manufacturing method of an optical connector plug as claimed in claim 18 [or 19], wherein, in said third step, a process including face polishing of an end face of said ferrule is performed.

21. (Amended) A manufacturing method of an optical connector plug as claimed in claim [18 or] 19, wherein, in said fourth step, a process including face polishing of an end face of said ferrule is performed.